

### **Remarks**

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed May 3, 2007. At the time of the Office Action, claims 1-29 were pending in the application. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejects claims 1-5, 8-21 and 23-29. Claims 6, 7 and 22 were objected to. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 5, 13, 21, 24 and 28 and cancelled claims 6 and 22 to clarify the subject matter which the Applicant claims as his invention and to advance prosecution of this case. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments. Applicant does not admit that these amendments were necessary as a result of any cited art. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the above application in view of the following remarks.

#### **Allowable Subject Matter**

Claims 6, 7 and 22 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Per the Examiner's suggestion, claims 6 and 22 have been rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amended claim 1 is original claim 6 rewritten in independent form. Amended claim 13 is original claim 22 rewritten in independent form. For at least this reason, amended claims 1 and 13 are allowable.

#### **Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 24, 25 and 27-29 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) As Being Anticipated by Lynch**

Claims 1, 2, 4, 13, 14, 24, 25 and 27-29 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by *Lynch* (U.S. Patent No. 4,163,042). Without waiver or prejudice, Applicants have amended claims 1, 13 and 24 to overcome this rejection.

Claim 1 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of original claim 6, which recites “wherein the metal foil is between about 0.01 millimeters to about 0.5 millimeters thick.” Therefore, amended claim 1 is allowable and depending claims 2 and 4 are allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 13 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of original claim 22, which recites “wherein the metal foil is between about 0.01 millimeters to about 0.5 millimeters thick.” Therefore, amended claim 13 is allowable and depending claim 14 is allowable for at least this reason.

Claim 24 has been amended to include the allowable subject matter of original claim 6, which recites “wherein the metal foil is between about 0.01 millimeters to about 0.5 millimeters thick.” Therefore, amended claim 24 is allowable and depending claims 25 and 27-29 are allowable for at least this reason.

***Rejection of Claims 3, 15 And 26 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)  
As Being Obvious Over Lynch In View Of Foster***

Claims 3, 15 and 26 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lynch* in view of *Foster* (U.S. Patent Pub. No. 2002/0127154). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the proposed combination of *Lynch* and *Foster* does not teach or suggest the invention as recited in the amended claims. As discussed above, amended claim 1 is in allowable form. Claim 3, which depends from claim 1, is allowable for at least this reason. As discussed above, amended claim 13 is in allowable form. Claim 15, which depends from claim 13, is allowable for at least this reason. As discussed above, claim 24 is in allowable form. Claim 26, which depends from claim 24, is allowable for at least this reason. In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

***Rejection of Claims 8-12, 16-19 and 23 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)  
As Being Obvious Over Lynch In View Of Stroom***

Claims 8-12, 16-19 and 23 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lynch* in view of *Stroom* (U.S. Patent No. 6,245,301). Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the proposed combination of *Lynch* and *Stroom* does not teach or suggest the invention as recited in the amended claims. As discussed above, amended claim 1 is in allowable form. Claims 8-12, which depend from claim 1, are allowable for at least this reason. As discussed above, amended claim 13 is in allowable form. Claims 16-19 and 23, which depend from claim 13, are allowable for at least this reason. In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

***Rejection of Claims 5 and 21 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)  
As Being Obvious In Light Of Lynch***

Claims 5 and 21 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Lynch*. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection because the proposed combination of *Lynch* and *Stroom* does not teach or suggest the invention as recited in the amended claims. As discussed above, amended claim 1 is in allowable form. Claim 5, which depends from claim 1, is allowable for at least this reason. As discussed above, amended claim 13 is in allowable form. Claim 21, which depends from claim 13, are allowable for at least this reason. In light of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to withdraw this rejection.

**CONCLUSION**


For the foregoing reasons, Applicant believes that the Office Action of May 3, 2007 has been fully responded to. Consequently, in view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicant respectfully submits that the application is in condition for allowance, which allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency associated with the filing of this Paper to the Deposit Account of Applicants' assignee, Ford Global Technologies LLC, Deposit Account No. 06-1510.

If the Examiner believes that a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Matthew M. Jakubowski, Attorney for Applicant, at Examiner's convenience at (248) 358-4400.

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